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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This reply is in response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2004.

Claim 1 was rejected. Applicants have amended claim 1. Claim 1 remains pending in the application.